TNEB	-	Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.
UPJVNL	-	Uttar Pradesh Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd.
UPPC	-	Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.
UPRVUNL	-	Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.
SWBPDCL	-	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.
WBSEB	-	West Bengal State Electricity Board.

Share of HP in Hydel projects

†358. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has made a request to the Government of India for its share in hydel projects constructed in its land by the Governments of Punjab and Haryana after the reorganization of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, names of such hydel projects along with the percentage of share being sought therein by Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) the efforts made by the Central Government to ensure fair share of the Government of Himachal Pradesh in the projects for improving its economic status and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SYEED): (a) Yes, Sir, requests of Government of Himachal Pradesh have been received from time to time for increased share of power and 12% free power in Bhakra-Beas Project. Himachal Pradesh is presently receiving 10 MW (1.2 lac units per day) power from Bhakra Project as Common Pool Consumer of BBMB, 2.5% share of the erstwhile State of Punjab from Bhakra Project and 15 MW (2.16 lac units per day) from Dehar Power House on *ad hoc* basis.

(b) The Government of Himachal Pradesh has claimed a share of 7.19% based on population ratio of the successor States of the erstwhile State of Punjab and allocation of 12% free power from Bhakra-Beas projects *viz.* Bhakra Nangal Project (1493.15 MW), Dehar Power House (990 MW) and Pong Power House (396 MW).

(c) An Inter-State agreement was reached amongst States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Central Government in May, 1984 wherein it was agreed that the Government of India shall refer the matter to the Supreme Court for its opinion. In order to resolve the inter-state disputes of these projects, in an amicable manner, a number of formal and informal discussions-have been taking place since 1984.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Himachal Pradesh has filed a suit in Supreme Court of India in 1996, which, *inter-alia,* includes claims for higher share and free power from Bhakra-Beas Projects. The matter is *sub-judice.*

APDRP strategy

359. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) strategy of Government;

(b) whether this strategy has not achieved the desired results at this stage;

(c) whether there is any proposal to review this strategy;

(d) what steps Government propose to improve the power situation in the country; and

(e) the details of steps proposed to review the APDRP?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) With a view to reduce the transmission, distribution and commercial losses, the Ministry is implementing Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). Funds are released as Additional Central Plan Assistance to State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/utilities for upgradation and strengthening of the sub-transmission and distribution system in the country with the objective of reducing Aggregate Technical and Commerical (AT&C) losses, improving quality of supply of power, increasing revenue collection and improving consumer satisfaction. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) have been signed with the States to commit them to carry out distribution reforms in a time bound manner.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. This programme has been launched only in 2001-2002. Evaluation of the programme will be taken up in due course.

(d) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. It is basically their responsibility to enhance the availability of power in the State to meet its power demand. Central Government have a complementary role in adding generation capacity. The following steps are being taken to improve the generation and availability of power in the country: